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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**

2. (Amended) A system, comprising: [The system of claim 1, wherein:]

a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and

a control system for:

accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and

using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message, wherein

the recipient preference profile provides a primary address where messages are generally directed, a secondary address and a message rerouting instruction including a specified time period; and

the control system is further for dispatching messages to the secondary address during the specified time period.

4. (Amended) A system, comprising: [The system of claim 1, wherein:]

a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and

a control system for:



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accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and  
using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message, wherein  
the recipient preference profile includes no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from; and  
the control system is further for not dispatching messages to the intended recipient if the messaging system is operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

5. (Amended) A system, comprising: [The system of claim 1, wherein:]  
a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;  
a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and  
a control system for:  
accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and  
using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message, wherein  
the recipient preference profile provides a message hold instruction; and  
the control system is further for not dispatching messages to the intended recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

8. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising: [The method of claim 7, further comprising the step(s) of:]  
communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;  
storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;

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providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message; and

including within the recipient preference profile a primary address where messages are generally directed, a secondary address and a message rerouting instruction including a specified time period wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are to be dispatched to the secondary address during the specified time period.

10. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising: [The method of claim 9, further comprising the step(s) of:]

communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;  
providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message;

including within the recipient preference profile an indication of a preferred format for messages and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are to be dispatched to the intended recipient in the preferred format; and

including within the recipient preference profile no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be dispatched to the intended recipient if the messaging systems are operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

11. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising: [The method of claim 7, further comprising the step(s) of:]

communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

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storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;  
providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended  
recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message;  
and

including within the recipient preference profile a message hold instruction and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be dispatched to the intended recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

18. (Amended) The memory of claim [17]~~22~~, further comprising:

discrete messages collected while the hold instruction is active and a composite message consolidating the discrete messages into a single message to be delivered to the recipient when the hold instruction is not active.